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TOPIC Finstervalde AirfieldEVALUATION 25X1X PLACE OBTAINED 25X1ADATE OF CONTENT 26 February 1953 25X1CDATE OBTAINED 17 March 1952

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REMARKS

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1. In the afternoon of 26 February 1953, six jet bombers were observed just south of the west end of the runway at Finstervalde airfield. The eastern section of the field could not be observed. Two swept-back jet fighters with auxiliary fuel tanks took off at 3:35 p.m. and were not observed landing up to 4 p.m. At 4:30 p.m., two IL-28s with extended landing gears approached Finstervalde. A single-engine high-wing monoplane was also aloft.<sup>1</sup>

2. A PKV-45 DF station was observed in the western extension of the runway at the southern exit of Neheisdorf.

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Comment. It is believed that Finstervalde airfield is occupied by a bomber regiment. The exact number of IL-28s assigned to the regiment is not known as observation at the field is very difficult and intact hangars exist at the installation. The presence of MiG-15s is reported for the first time. It is possible that the two planes made intermediate landings at the field in connection with the combined exercises held by fighter and bomber planes in the second half of February.